

Activity:	Federal Land Acquisition
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	FY 2006 Actual*	FY 2007 CR	FY 2008			Change From FY 2007 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Federal Land Acquisition (\$000)	7,790	13,697	0	0	13,697	0
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<i>Total FTE</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impact of the CR		[+5,652]		[-5,652]		

* FY 2006 includes a \$17 million transfer of balances to Everglades Modified Water. It does not include a \$5 million transfer to Wildland Fire.

Summary of FY 2008 Program Changes for Federal Land

Request Component	(\$000)	FTE	Page #
• Impact of the CR	[-5,652]	0	LASA-10
TOTAL, Program Changes	0	0	

Impact of the FY 2007 Continuing Resolution (-\$5,652,000) –The FY 2008 budget restores the priorities of the FY 2007 President's budget by funding FY 2007 programmed fixed cost increases, eliminating unrequested FY 2006 congressional earmarks, and implementing the program enhancement and program reduction initiatives included in the FY 2007 President's Budget.

Mission Overview

The Federal Land Acquisition Activity supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to three fundamental goals: 1) Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored, and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context; 2) The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values so that management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information; and 3) Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities. This budget activity contributes to the Department's outcome goals to improve health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources; sustain biological communities; protect cultural and natural heritage resources; provide for a quality recreation experience, including access and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources; and, protect lives, resources and properties.

Justification of FY 2008 Program Changes

The FY 2008 budget request for the Federal Land Acquisition program is \$13,697,000 and 0 FTE, with no program changes requested from the FY 2007 President's Budget.

FY 2008 Program Performance

The NPS will focus land acquisition funding towards emergency, hardship, relocation, inholdings and exchanges, and a few high priority projects. This will allow the NPS to concentrate its resources on existing responsibilities while leaving flexibility to respond to opportunities that are advantageous for park operations and resource stewardship. One of those significant opportunities for the NPS is the acceptance of donations, which allows the staff to more thoroughly address the workload associated with the donations that it receives; concentrating on the due diligence necessary to process these actions, such as title services, environmental site assessments, and relocation actions in compliance with PL 91-646, often requiring more staff time than a traditional acquisition. Additionally, in response to the direction of Congress expressed in the FY 2006 and FY 2007 language, the NPS will continue to focus efforts on establishing the Flight 93 National Memorial. With the change in focus for the FY 2008 base funding, the NPS will not continue the previous 1% target of the land tracts identified for acquisition.